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Marked up paragraph at page 7, lines 1-7.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a method for making a heterojunction bipolar transistor which performs low termal-cycle processing, which, in turn, allows the present method to use thin low-temperature epitaxy (LTE) layers in the formation of base and collector regions. Use of thin LTE layers for these regions increases speed of the transistor and, further, leads to a lowering of the overall topography of the device, making midend-of-line (MEOL) processed such as emitter, base, and collector contact opening much easier.